



ATTACHMENT A

Remarks

By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 5, and 27 have been amended to include allowable subject matter. In addition, certain dependent claims from which the allowable subject matter was taken have been canceled, and a self-evident spelling error has been corrected in dependent claim 45. It is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

In the *Allowable Subject Matter* section of the outstanding Office Action, the examiner indicated that independent claim 21 and claims 22 and 44-50 dependent therefrom were allowed.

Additionally in the *Allowable Subject Matter* section, the examiner indicated that claim 41 dependent from independent claim 5 contained allowable subject matter. Therefore, by this Amendment, independent claim 5 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 41 (now canceled); making independent claim 5 and claims 7, 9-12, 15-18, 20, 39-40, and 42-43 dependent from independent claim 5 all allowable.

Further in the *Allowable Subject Matter* section, the examiner indicated that claim 55 dependent from independent claim 27 contained allowable subject matter. Therefore, by this Amendment, independent claim 27 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 55 (now canceled); making independent claim 27 and claims 51-54 and 56-61 dependent from independent claim 27 all allowable.

It is also noted that claim 33 dependent from independent claim 1 also contained the same allowable subject matter as claims 41 and 55, and hence evidently this claim should also have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter (and no rejection of this subject matter was made). Therefore, by this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 33 (or of claims 41, 55 – claim 33 now being canceled); making independent claim 1 and claims 2-4, 28-32 and 34-38 dependent from independent claim 1 all allowable.

In view of these amendments, all of the pending claims are now allowable and there are no other outstanding objections or rejections in this application. For convenience of reference and as noted above, these claims are:

- independent claim 1 and claims 2-4, 28-32 and 34-38 dependent therefrom;
- independent claim 5 and claims 7, 9-12, 15-18, 20, 39-40, and 42-43 dependent therefrom;
- independent claim 21 and claims 22 and 44-50 dependent therefrom; and
- independent claim 27 and claims 51-54 and 56-61 dependent therefrom.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is solicited.